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Police to share resources in bid to make 'significant savings'

DISCUSSIONS have started which will see specialist police resources and support functions in the Avon and Somerset and Wiltshire forces being shared under a new strategic alliance, or "collaboration", as both forces seek to secure significant savings over the next five years.

The two forces already collaborate on Brunel, a shared Major Crime Investigation Team, and Special Branch. Building on these successful foundations, the forces expect a wider collaboration will deliver a more efficient and cost effective police service for local communities.

Over the past four years each of the forces has had to find substantial savings and, although this has not been easy, these have been achieved. We anticipate that further significant savings will have to be found by 2018/19 and hope that by collaborating where we can, the impact on the delivery of frontline services will be lessened.

Discussions between the Police and Crime Commissioners and Chief Constables about a strategic alliance began in December 2014. These discussions are still at an early stage but it has been agreed that specialist police resources, protective services as well as corporate services will be included in the alliance. It has been agreed that both forces will retain their Police and Crime Commissioners and Chief Constables, and that neighbourhood and response policing will continue to be delivered and overseen locally.

Speaking about the proposals, Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner, Sue Mountstevens, said: "We're very optimistic about finding ways of working more closely together in the future. We have a good track record with existing collaborations and there are clear benefits for both forces in pursuing further opportunities."

Wiltshire and Swindon Police and Crime Commissioner, Angus Macpherson, added: "It's important to stress that Wiltshire Police and Avon and Somerset Police are not merging; both will retain their own leadership and identity. This strategic alliance would look at how we could share more of our resources, such as specialist police resources and office functions.

"Local policing – which we know is so important to our communities – would continue to be delivered locally in response to communities' needs.

"Police budgets are in a very challenging state and in the coming years this collaboration would help find the savings that both forces need to make."

Police recover £60,000 worth of farm equipment

NEARLY £60,000 of stolen agricultural equipment has been recovered this month in Somerset with calls from the farming community and some tracking devices helping police to find them.

In the most recent cases, a Ford New Holland tractor and McConnel bale grab and spike, each worth £9,000, were recovered at Ham Hill, near Yeovil. They had been reported stolen from Highbridge four weeks earlier and recovered on Tuesday, January 20th.

Also on Tuesday, a 13-tonne capacity trailer worth £10,000 was found after police had recovered a tractor which had been stolen at the same time. The John Deere tractor, costing £20,000, was found at Cross, near Axbridge, on January 15th thanks to information from the public which subsequently led police to the trailer too.

They had both been reported stolen from a farm in Warwickshire in August last year.

On January 8th, tracking devices fitted to two quad bikes, worth £8,000, meant they were found at Ham Hill just hours after they had been reported stolen from Dorchester.

Sargent Stuart Williams of the Rural Crime Team said: "Enquiries are continuing regarding these recoveries, but we're pleased to have found such high value items in the space of a fortnight.

"Particularly pleasing is that members of the farming community have called in suspicious sightings of machinery, and that two quad bikes had trackers fitted making it easy for us to find them.

"Farms and rural businesses can take advantage of our rural community watch schemes and get crime prevention advice and equipment by getting in touch with their local beat teams, and I urge them to do so."

The recoveries were also made in conjunction with the Association of Chief Police Officers' specialist agricultural vehicle crime division (AVCIS).

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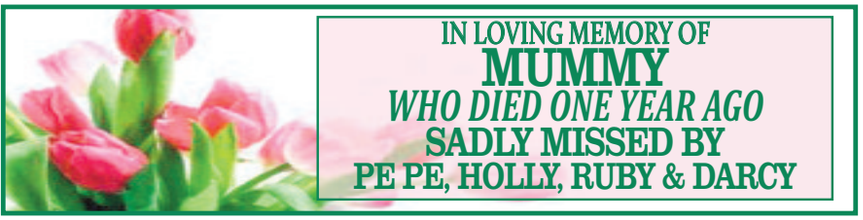

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Council reveals £300million spending plan

BUT CUTS OF £16MILLION MADE AFTER CENTRAL GOVERNMENT REDUCES ITS FUNDING

SPENDING plans of more than £300million were unveiled by Somerset County Council this week, alongside a council tax freeze for the sixth year in a row.

The proposals will be put to a vote at February's full council meeting and include plans for more than £56million to be spent on new roads, school buildings and other projects as well as outlining how funding to services such as supporting adults, children and vulnerable people will be allocated.

The plans reflect a loss of government funding to the tune of £20million compared to last year, as well as increased demand across many services which has put huge pressure on council budgets.

"We are delighted that we will be able to make decisions that will see investment in key areas in Somerset like roads and schools, and to continue with our promise to freeze our part of council tax for a further year," said council leader John Osman.

"We have had to make some very difficult decisions to reflect the fall in government funding. I call again on government to look at how it allocates its funding and to stop the current system which penalises rural counties like Somerset.

"We want fairer funding for Somerset and will continue to take the fight to government to try to win the argument."

Under the proposals, frontline services for adults (£86million) and children (£40million) remain the biggest budget areas and wherever possible have been protected. The plans will also see more set aside for highways and waste budgets.

As a direct result of the reduction in government funding, the council has had to make the following savings, which will be debated and voted on by Cabinet members in early February:

- £2.2million saved in adults services through more efficient ways of working;
- £1million saved by less use of residential care homes and helping people stay in their own homes for longer;
- Around 100 staff posts being lost – either through not filling vacancies, or voluntary/compulsory redundancies – the area hardest hit will be the back office and admin area of business support which alone will save £1.4million;
- Reducing staff sickness – needing fewer expensive temporary staff;
- Reducing training and support in areas such as nursery, early years and school improvement.

There are around 60 other proposals, from minor funding changes through to significant sums, bringing the savings total to just over £16million. The rest of the budget gap will be delivered through a variety of ways including more people paying council tax, due to an increase in the number of homes built; an improvement in the percentage of tax collected by district councils; and by restructuring the council's debt payments.

Decisions either already taken by officers or Cabinet members, or due to be taken over the coming weeks include:

- Increasing income across services;
- Renegotiating new and existing contracts to deliver savings;
- Reducing Somerset County Council's bills – for instance by changing to LED lamps in street lights will save around £175,000 per year;
- A series of cuts to public subsidies of bus routes subject to consultation. This, coupled with contract changes and a reduced amount paid to bus operators, could save the authority in the region of £600,000.

"There is no doubt that we would rather not be making some of these savings, and if the government hadn't reduced our funding by so much we wouldn't have to," said Councillor Osman.

"I would highlight one area in particular – buses. We are having to look at savings such as stopping our subsidy for Saturday services.

"Where a route is viable for bus operators, they will continue to run their services but on the face of it this looks like a tough decision – that is until you see the extent of some of our bus subsidies – it cannot be right that our council tax payers should be forking out more than £7 per person per journey on one route, and similar subsidies on many others."

The spending plans will be discussed by the council's Scrutiny Committees on January 30th and Cabinet on February 9th, both of which will be held at the Taunton Conference Centre at Somerset College.

Quiz night returns in aid of cardiac risk charity

A QUIZ night in aid of Cardiac Risk in the Young (CRY) will return to Chaffcombe Village Hall on Saturday, January 31st, starting promptly at 7.30pm.

CRY is a small charity which, for example, encourages all young people aged between 14-18 years, especially if athletic, to take an ECG screen test.

The quiz is organised by Hillary and Bill Durrant of Knowle St Giles, who jointly said: "In memory of our late 23-year-old grand-daughter, Dr Jenny Bucknell, who died out of the blue from an undiagnosed heart condition, we are holding our quiz by popular request, now in its third year."

Teams can be up to four people and a table costs £12, including a light supper. Single or couples are most welcome as tables can be made up.

Further information is available by calling 01460 61996 and those attending are also asked to call to help with catering numbers.

Mr and Mrs Durrant added: "To date, with the help of friends and family, we have raised over £30,000 - and this year we hope to see some of the money raised in memory of Jenny being used to replace outdated screening machinery and paying for ECG screening days."

Vital repairs to A358 starting next week

VITAL work to repair and improve the A358 between Taunton and Ilminster is taking place next week.

Somerset County Council's highways team will be rebuilding and resurfacing the carriageway at West Hatch over a 10-day period starting on Monday, February 2nd.

The work will take place at night between 7pm and 7am to minimise disruption, and will use temporary traffic lights to ensure that no road closures are required.

Councillor Harvey Siggs, Somerset County Council's Cabinet Member for Highways, said: "The A358 is one of our busiest roads and with such high traffic volumes the carriageway has started to deteriorate.

"Resurfacing like this is much more effective than patch repairs and our teams will be rebuilding the road with an innovative new surface which should help it stay in better condition and reduce the need for future maintenance.

"We've planned this work so that no road closures are required, but please be aware of it and allow extra time for your journey if necessary. Thanks for your patience."

Priest to speak at Peace Group

SOUTH Somerset Peace Group will welcome Father Basil Postlethwaite of the Parish Church of the English Martyrs, Chard, to their meeting on Tuesday, February 24th.

The meeting will be held at the Minster Rooms in Ilminster from 7.30pm, when Father Postlethwaite will speak about his years spent in El Salvador during that country's civil war, intervening between the guerillas and the government soldiers, and how what he calls the "organic".

Entrance costs £3 including tea and coffee and all are welcome to attend.

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Weekly bingo raises almost £1,500 for charity

A WEEKLY bingo club held in Chard has raised an impressive £1,496 to be split equally between two local charities.

Chris Sweet, who has been organising the Monday Bingo Club for the past three years at Yarlington Housing Group's Bishops Court Retirement Living Scheme, charges all players a 50 pence entrance fee. At the end of the year the amount raised is split between St Margaret's Hospice and Yarlington's charity of the year, which for 2014 was The Lord's Larder food bank.

Mr Sweet said: "This year we raised an amazing amount, almost doubling what we raised last year. A big thank you to everyone that has regularly attended over the year – not only are we raising money for a great cause but also having a good time in the process.

"The weekly sessions have become quite an event and we often have a queue outside the door and up to 50 players attending from neighbouring towns and villages!"

Nathan Turnbull, Bishops Court scheme manager, added: "When Chris first contacted me and asked if it would be possible to hold the event at Bishops Court, I said yes straight away. Knowing how many Yarlington residents would be able to attend the event and how much they would enjoy it, it was an easy answer.

"It's great to see so many smiling faces on a Monday afternoon going into bingo - everyone looks forward to it, not just for the bingo but to catch up with friends and have a good chinwag.

"Thanks to Chris' idea to charge a small fee to players, over the past three years, the bingo has raised an impressive £2,906 for charity."

Mr Schofield, a Yarlington resident from Bishops Court, who attends bingo with his wife, commented: "The Monday bingo is a lovely, friendly event, with a great atmosphere. We all have lots of fun."

Ferne Animal Sanctuary seeking new home for rare Eriskay ponies

FERNE Animal Sanctuary is urgently seeking a new home for Quiver and Quintus, two rare breed Eriskay ponies currently living at its site in Wambrook, near Chard.

They ponies came to live at the sanctuary as due to the owners' ill-health they could no longer be cared for.

Despite Ferne rehoming them again, unfortunately, nearly three years on, Quiver and Quintus have now lost their grazing home due to the land being redeveloped for housing.

Nikki Haddock, head of equine at Ferne Animal Sanctuary said: "The Eriskay breed is critically endangered - this means there are less than 300 breeding mares left – which is rarer than the Giant Panda! They are native to the UK being from Eriskay, which is an island in the Outer Hebrides.

"Quiver and Quintus have never been broken in and have just been kept as 'field ornaments' for most of their lives. They are proving to be exceptionally difficult to find a new home for, so we are appealing to as many people as possible to help us.

"They are now 15 years old and have never been separated, so they need to stay together. They are real little characters and would love a home to call their own to see out the rest of their days. They are a lovely example of a breed which is very rarely seen anymore.

"Originally, the ponies would have been used for riding and driving. Children would even ride them to school. They are very versatile, strong enough to carry an adult, small enough to be ridden by children and capable of participating in any equestrian activities.

"Due to their heritage they are extremely hardy ponies. They live out happily in the harshest conditions - provided they have adequate natural shelter and access to sufficient forage through the winter.

"Losing land for grazing to development companies who are building housing stock on it is becoming a more frequent occurrence for people keeping horses and livestock. We will be extremely grateful to anyone who can help us find them a permanent home."

Ferne Animal Sanctuary is a registered charity open to the public all year round, except Christmas Day and New Year's Day. It relies solely on donations.

To support the charity's current "New Digs for Dogs" £1million project for 2014/15 and learn about all their events please visit www.ferneanimalsanctuary.org or call 01460 65214.

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Local councillor supports Layzell Trust

LOCAL councillor Linda Vijeh met up with Sophy Layzell of the Jemima Layzell Trust this week to look at ways in which the local community can continue to support the work of the trust, either through fundraising events, or by highlighting the work the trust does in support of organisations such as BIBIC, as well as individual youngsters whose lives have been affected by brain damage. The trust was set up by Jemima's family, from Horton, near Ilminster, and friends after her sudden death in 2012, at the age of 13, after suffering from a ruptured giant aneurism. Linda said: "I decided that I wanted to become more involved after reading the book called 'The Draft', produced from Jemima's private diaries. Jemima willingly offered to donate her organs, and through this she has saved the lives of eight people and restored the sight of three. Five of the recipients were children and what's so important is that children can usually only receive transplants from other children. Her short life is an inspiration to us all."

Council announces plans for 540 new homes across district

SOUTH Somerset District Council has released its affordable housing strategy which will see 540 additional affordable houses built in the next three years.

The published new strategy includes plans for 270 additional homes by April 2015 and a further 270 homes over the next three years.

The strategy also contains measures to protect the district's most vulnerable residents and a new policy to safeguard rural social housing vacancies for local applicants.

Affordability a major factor

The Strategic Housing Unit works to provide decent, safe and secure homes throughout the district. The council responds to national, regional and local priorities and ensures that sufficient multi-tenure housing is provided to meet the needs of a changing population.

Councillor Ric Pallister, leader of South Somerset District Council and Portfolio Holder for Housing, said: "Affordability is now a major factor for many. With rising utility bills outstripping wages, far too many residents of South Somerset are facing the effects of poverty and it seems to be getting worse.

"Our task is not only to create the houses we desperately need, but also to work with the tenants to maintain their tenancies and invest in their homes."

After a 10-week public consultation, the strategy was given full approval by councillors on December 11th. It is now publicly available on the council's website at www.southsomerset.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/strategic-housing/

There are currently 2,211 households registered for rehousing in South Somerset. Anybody in need of affordable housing can register at www.homefindersomerset.co.uk

This is a common register used by all five local housing authorities in Somerset and over 40 housing associations and other such landlords.

In South Somerset, the average house prices remain at over 10 times the local average (median) gross salary, keeping home-ownership out of reach of many of the district's residents. With an average weekly private sector rent of £142, affordable housing is the only option for an increasing number of people.

Future of flower show under threat

THE future of Ilminster Flower Fruit Vegetable and Craft Show is under threat as the number of committee members continues to shrink.

The show was resurrected in 2008 but this year the committee's long-serving and hard-working chairman, Margaret Excell, is standing down and a number of other show day volunteers are unable continue.

A spokesperson said: "To enable the committee to keep the event going they desperately need new committee members and volunteers to help on show day.

"The committee meets about six times a year culminating in the show in August. Show day is hard work but extremely rewarding and has been well attended year on year.

"New faces willing to join the committee are needed to help keep the show on the road. You will receive a warm welcome and you don't need to be an expert in any of the disciplines." More information is available by calling Chris Sainsbury on 01460 57825 or Margaret Excell on 01460 54043.

Film Club to show 'Summer in February'

HORTON Film Club's next screening with be "Summer in February" on Thursday, February 19th at the village hall.

Doors open at 7pm for members, 7.15pm for non-members and the film starting at 7.30pm. Entrance for non-members costs £5.

To watch a trailer of the film or for further details, visit the club's website www.hortonvillage.co.uk

Pupils go head to head in dance off!

CHILDREN from Neroche Primary School in Broadway triumphed in a dance competition organised by Holyrood Academy and hosted at Kelly Leigh Dance Studio in Chard.

A total of 28 pupils spent a memorable afternoon at Miss Kelly's purpose-built studio, where they were all taught a sequence of moves prior to a fierce dance-off competition. Participating schools included Combe, Neroche and Manor Court, with the Neroche team - Oliver, Kayne, Lola and Evie - being voted the winning school with their well-rehearsed routine and freestyle ending.

In addition, a special mention was made of Archie from Neroche for his body popping.

The dancers were taught a routine by professional dancers and the children then had to choreograph the finale of their dances themselves.

Neroche Primary headteacher Connel Boyle commented: "The skill of our children's dancing and choreography was very impressive. I look forward to seeing them in the future at Britain's Got Talent!"

Holyrood sports co-ordinator, Jason Hedaux, would like to thank Kelly Leigh for hosting this event, showing a great example of schools and community working together.

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Holyrood graduates invest in students

FORMER students of Holyrood Academy in Chard have come together to invest in the futures of existing students.

Evolution Contractors, BA Chant Plumbing Services, HM Carpentry and ECO Electrix are all successful, local firms run by former students who now employ apprentices from the academy.

Each firm has also made a donation of £200, which has been used to supply kit bags to students in the Holyrood Rugby Academy. The bags form part of the kit package which is issued to all Rugby Academy members upon enrolment.

■ **GRADUATES: Simon Lunn, owner of Phoenix Fitness; Ben Chant of BA Chant Plumbing Services, Daniel Evans of Evolution Contractors and Robbie Walker of Eco Electrix with head of rugby Simon Jenkins**

Simon Lunn of Phoenix Fitness also works in partnership with head of rugby Simon Jenkins to provide free gym membership to the Rugby Academy students and offers both group and individual training programmes.

Daniel Evans of Evolution Contractors said: "While at Holyrood we went to college one day a week where we were taught the basics of the building trade. From there we obtained apprenticeships.

"It was hard work but ultimately very rewarding, and after gaining experience in our own trades over a period of years we each set up our own business.

"It is great to see the opportunities for sport at Holyrood Academy being developed through working with community clubs and businesses."

Mr Lunn added: "I am really happy to be able to help provide the lads with opportunities to train and build strength and stamina.

"We have top specification equipment and an extensive free weights room that provides an excellent training environment."

Mr Jenkins commented: "We are very grateful to Simon Lunn for allowing us to use his excellent facilities. The experience of training in such a professional environment will have significant benefits for Rugby Academy members.

"To be able to link with such a high profile and successful local business is another step towards our goal of establishing Holyrood Academy as one of the very best places for students to achieve both academic and sporting excellence.

"To see former students who are now running their own businesses help support the Academy with this exciting, new initiative is fantastic!"

■ HOLYROOD Academy sports teacher, Johanah Tatterton, recently took her BTEC Level 3 sport students on a very successful visit to Phoenix Fitness in Chard.

They met with Simon Lunn of Phoenix, who talked to the students in great detail about health screening before a question and answer session about fitness testing, which the students had recently completed an assignment on.

The group did some work on blood pressure and heart rate testing and Simon also explained the importance of client confidentiality in his environment.

Mrs Tatterton commented: "It was a very worthwhile and informative visit, allowing students the tangible opportunity to apply their skills."

Participating students were Joao Neves, Braeden Symes, Tom Twildale, Kuda, Rhys Carnell and Jack Isaacs.

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Gooch Charitable Trust donates to food bank

IN December, the Ilminster-based Gooch Charitable Trust decided to make an annual Christmas gift award to a local deserving cause and was delighted for the first award to go to the well-regarded Ilminster Food Bank.

Trust chairman Heather Virgin said: "We are thrilled to be able to support the Ilminster Food Bank during the Christmas season, but more generally wish to encourage those running projects and clubs serving Ilminster people to apply to us for grants to assist their plans."

During the meeting when the decision to support the food bank was made, further consideration was given to selected projects already in receipt of Gooch Trust grants, most notable the Vaughn Lee Home minibus to assist in meeting the increased day to day running costs.

A report was considered on a recent analysis of some deteriorating floor areas in the Minster Church and an update on the football club's proposals on Britten's Field was noted.

The trustees again confirmed their wish to support new or extended projects providing for the people of Ilminster.

A special welcome was extended to new trustee Katie Burling, daughter of Heather Virgin and granddaughter of the late Archie Gooch, the founder of the trust.

The next meeting is in March when the trust hopes to have more applications to consider. Those considering fresh projects and plans, which could benefit from Gooch Trust grants, are invited to consult trustee Marion Ward by calling 01460 52214 from whom application forms are available.

Local art on display at village shop

A NEW exhibition venture for 2015 is underway at Seavington Community Shop & Café, near Ilminster.

The new year has seen the shop, opened to its maximum floor space, being used for displays of work by local artists and crafts people; starting in January with ceramic and concrete sculptures made by Ashill-based sculptor Sue Williams, and to be followed in February by a display of unique, and colourful carpet bags made and marketed by Seavington's own Jhasper Ltd.

Throughout these first two months, the walls of the café will be enlivened by Joanna Briar's prints in her first solo exhibition. Both artists are inspired by the Somerset countryside.

"Many of my sculptures are based on animals and birds in my own menage", said Sue.

In February the sculptures will be replaced by a display of locally-made Gladstone-style bags.

The shop, in Water Street, Seavington, is run by volunteers and is open Monday to Friday from 8.30am to 6pm and 9am to 3pm on Saturdays, and the café closes at 4.30pm during the week and at 2pm on Saturdays.

Former Rotary president take on new role

NOT content to sit back and relax after her year as president of the Rotary Club of Ilminster, Terry Bate has now taken on the role of publicity and marketing officer for District 1200, which oversees over 50 clubs in the area from as far afield as Wiltshire and Dorset, as well as Somerset.

In her new role Terry (pictured right with current president John Wood), was keen to get everyone into the 21st century, albeit it with a little gentle persuasion.

To get an overview of the views of club members on the attractions of such "alien methods" of marketing as social media and online surveys, she used the carrot rather than the stick approach, offering a case of wine to the club that sent in the most responses.

Ilminster club's president-elect, Linda Vijeh, in her current role as club service chairman, was keen that everyone support Terry.

This resulted in more than 80 per cent of the Ilminster club's membership responding to the survey, and the winning wine being presented to president John by District Governor Judy Barnard-Jones on a recent visit to the club.

Horton residents make plans for village fete

DISTRICT councillor Linda Vijeh joined Horton residents this week for a public meeting at the church rooms to discuss plans for a combined village fete to be held on Saturday, June 27th at the village hall.

The group have now set up a committee, headed by Rosie Reed, and they are keen to make sure that all local residents have the opportunity to participate, with particular emphasis on getting young families along to enjoy the many activities that are planned.

There will even be a children's disco before the main event in the evening.

The next meeting of the committee is due to be held on February 23rd at the church rooms in Horton, and as an added incentive to get involved Councillor Vijeh has offered to bring along samples of wine to taste, with a view to serving it during the evening of the fete.

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Owners at The Menders in Crewkerne Simon and Jackie Oliver were delighted for Al saying "We're all very proud of him and we're excited to see this become a stepping stone into a big future for Al in the shoe repair trade. The criteria of the competition was to produce a leather half sole and heel repair on one of a pair of shoes". Al's unique repair involved an ambitious staining and inking, as well as the bespoke heel cut and arched graft of the sole.

As well as incredible and reliable shoe repair The Menders also offers a locksmith service, key cutting, engraving, dry-cleaning, watch repairs and service as well as patching and stitching.

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■ **A CONVOY of three large lorries caused traffic chaos in Crewkerne town centre last week. The three large silos arrived in Crewkerne at about 10.30am on January 21st bringing traffic to a halt and took about half an hour to pass through the town. It is not known where they were travelling to or why they came through the town.** ***Photo by DAVID HOLMES***

New Chamber of Commerce CEO to bring 'wealth of experience' to role

THE Somerset Chamber of Commerce has appointed its new CEO following the departure of Rupert Cox at the end of December.

Neil Murphy, who brings a wealth of management and operations experience, will officially begin his new role at the chamber on February 2nd.

Mr Murphy is experienced in leading and growing businesses in a variety of market sectors, from large corporates to small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). He most recently held the position of managing director for G4S Cash Solutions in Dubai, a company where he worked for 10 years before returning to the UK to look for a new challenge.

Speaking about his appointment, Mr Murphy said: "I am delighted to be joining the Somerset chamber at such an exciting time in the county's development and I would like to thank the team here for extending such a warm welcome to me.

"I have long admired the good work the chamber has done, and under Rupert Cox's excellent stewardship we have established ourselves as one of the fastest growing chambers in the country.

"I am keen to build on that success and whilst Rupert will be a difficult act to follow, I hope to bring the experience I have gained in industry over the past 35 years to help to move us from good to great.

"2015 will be a challenging year, and one filled with opportunity as the country moves out of recession and into what we all hope will be a strong period of growth.

"With interest rates likely to remain low in the medium term, it can be argued there has never been a better time to invest in business, and Somerset in particular has some unique opportunities which will stimulate growth.

"I plan on spending my opening weeks meeting as many members as possible to understand the issues that they consider business critical, and with the guidance of the Board we will prioritise the initiatives that will address these."

Graham Knight, chairman of the Somerset Chamber, added: "I congratulate Neil on his appointment as our new CEO. Neil was an outstanding candidate throughout the assessment process and offered a unique blend of experience working with SMEs and running businesses, whilst also having recent large corporate experience.

"In my view, both are essential for the role, reflecting our varied membership and also critical contracts working with the Hinkley Supply Chain and Into Somerset.

"Neil brings an enthusiasm, vitality and a clear wish to develop not just the Chamber and our own activities, but also to make a real impact on the growth of the county."

The Somerset Chamber of Commerce is one of only five accredited chambers in the South West and 52 in the whole of the UK. It works closely with the British Chambers of Commerce to make sure Somerset businesses stay well connected at both a local and national level, and that the voices of the Somerset business community are heard at all levels of government.

Renowned organist to play at St Bartholomew's

ST Bartholomew's Church in Crewkerne will be the venue for an exciting organ concert performed by Jonathan Delbridge on Sunday, February 22nd at 3pm, which will include pieces from his latest album entitled "A Confounded Box of Whistles".

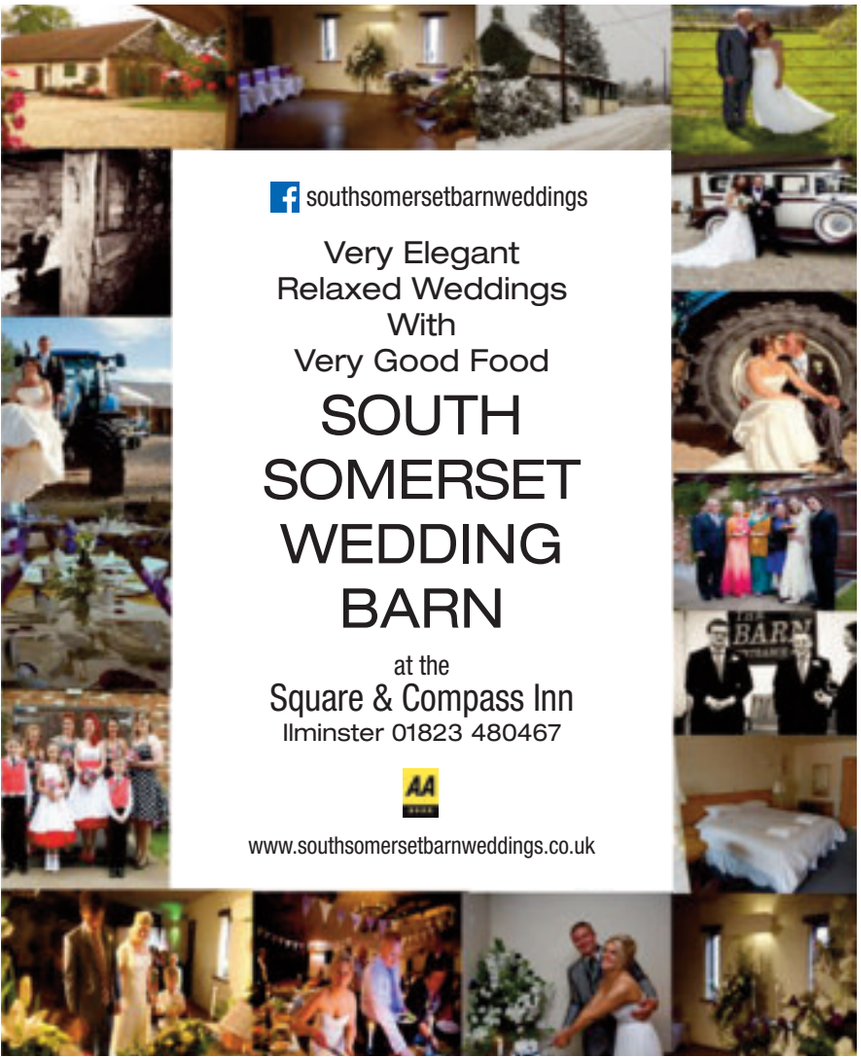
It was the architect Sir Christopher Wren who famously referred to the organ of St Paul's Cathedral as a "Confounded Box of Whistles". Jonathan's album was recorded earlier this year at St Martin's Church in Liskeard where there is a fine three manual Lewis instrument widely regarded as one of the best organs in Cornwall.

Jonathan is well-known for his exciting and varied concert programmes, which include major classical works, famous jazz standards and his own improvisations. He performs at venues throughout the UK, including the Royal Albert Hall, York Minster, Norwich Cathedral and Truro Cathedral.

Jonathan likes to interact with the audience, giving background information to the pieces performed injected with humour. His programme on February 22nd will show off all the range of tonal colours available from St Bartholomew's fine Rothwell three-manual pipe organ and will include music by Fats Waller, J.S. Bach and Mendelssohn.

Admission for the concert costs £7 or is free for under 18s and full-time students. For further details visit the website www.jonathandelbridge.com or contact 01460 271767.

The concert is being organised by the Friends of Crewkerne Parish Church who will be providing refreshments after the recital.



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Prima Moda Brides are open on occasions for Sunday & evening appointments. Please check the website www.primamodabrides.com or look at our Facebook page for upcoming dates.

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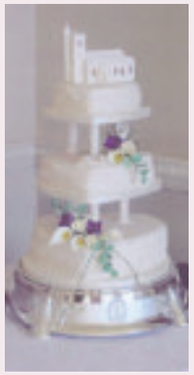

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Sarah Jackson Designs

SARAH designs beautiful and individual garments for private clients & notably supplied a prestigious New York bridal salon. Internationally recognised, her gowns have also been commissioned by various celebrities. Sarah's success and reputation are due to the glowing reports her dresses have had. Her talent is in identifying what will suit the bride, producing individual designs and cutting and personally fitting the garment to ensure that it fits and flatters the figure perfectly.

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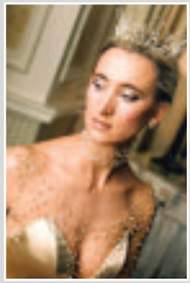

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HARRIMANS menswear in Ilminster provide an excellent service in Formal Hire as well as all the traditional, casual and fashionwear for which they have built up a reputation over the last 100 years.

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• The first stage of the process would be to choose which Jacket style and colour you would like, then select a waistcoat pattern from the vast range supplied and match accessories to finalise the look you are after. When the Groom is happy with his choices, a try on can be arranged to make sure the correct items have been selected.

• Secondly, any other members of the party will need to be measured and orders completed.

• Lastly the suits arrive approximately 2 weeks before the wedding, fittings arranged, and any adjustments can be organised for that perfect fit.

Whether it is to buy or hire Sam and her team will guide you through the process of choosing the outfits you require with as much or as little help as you want, to ensure you have as easy and stress free time as possible on the build up to you big day.

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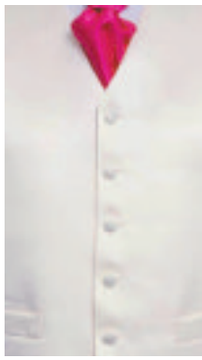

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Film society to screen 'The Grapes of Wrath'

CLAPTON & Wayford Film Society's February offering is "The Grapes of Wrath" (PG) in Wayford Village Hall on Thursday 5th.

Doors will open at 7.30pm for an 8pm start.

Society chairman Mick Wilson said: "This film has resonances with today's issues with migrant workers, so it will be interesting to see how 2015 in this country compares with the USA in the 1930s."

The adaptation of Nobel Prize-winner John Steinbeck's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel of dirt-poor dust owl migrants by four-time Oscar-winning director John Ford starred Henry Fonda as Tom Joad.

He opens the movie returning to his Oklahoma home after serving jail time for manslaughter. En route, Tom meets family friend Casey (John Carradine), a former preacher who warns Tom that dust storms, crop failures, and new agricultural methods have financially decimated the once prosperous Oklahoma.

For more information or to pre-book, email wilsons.woolcott@virgin.net or call Mick on 01460 74849 or Di Crawley on 01460 30508.

Chard's WATCH Project joins mental health campaign

THE WATCH Project in Chard will be joining the national campaign Time to Change on Thursday, February 5th, encouraging people to take five minutes out of their day to discuss mental health issues.

A stand raising awareness of mental illness will be set up at the WATCH Project at Chard Young People's Centre, Essex Close, from 11am to 4pm, with others being held across the county.

All those interested to in helping to break down barriers surrounding mental illness or to learn more are encouraged to attend.

■ **MATCH FUNDING: Kathy and Jess Thomas with Barry and Claire Gibbs from B. Gibbs Funeral Services**

Remembrance tree donations matched by funeral directors

OVER the festive period a remembrance tree was set up in the office of B. Gibbs Funeral Services.

The people of Chard, Ilminster and the surrounding area were invited to place a star in memory of a loved one upon the tree. Those wishing to could also make a donation to the Teenage Cancer Trust.

The sum raised was £450, with B. Gibbs Funeral Services matching that donation to make a grand total of £900.

Barry and all at B. Gibbs Funeral services would like to take this opportunity to thank all those people who placed a star on the tree and to all those who made such generous donations.

The charity is very close to the staff's hearts, as a personal friend's daughter, Jess Thomas, is currently receiving treatment and has gained invaluable help from the trust.

She has personally set herself a goal to raise £5,000 for the Teenage Cancer Trust and the contribution from the funeral directors has taken her efforts over the half way mark.

Get your workplace active in the 'Work It!' 20915 challenge

ARE you a Somerset business owner or do you work in a Somerset business? Then Somerset County Council is challenging you to sign up for the Work It! 2015 Business Activity Challenge (March 9th to 20th).

Provided through Somerset County Council Public Health and partner Somerset Activity & Sports Partnership, the Work It! 2015 Challenge is part of the council's commitment to help Somerset businesses and employees "work well" and look after their health and wellbeing.

The Work It! 2015 Challenge is in three parts: The Physical Activity Programme, The Pedometer Challenge and The Games. The first challenge to sign up to is the Physical Activity Programme at www.workplacechallenge.or.uk/somerset

Participants can then do any type of sport or physical activity, including walking or cycling to work, and log all of their active minutes on the website. You don't have to be an elite athlete to take part and you'll get lots of support, information and ideas about what to do. For example, the council can send someone to your business to take beginner and experienced runners for a few lunchtime or after work runs to get you started.

The second challenge is the Pedometer Challenge. Everyone who signs up for this will be given a free, quality pedometer and, after registering at www.workplacechallenge.or.uk/somerset, simply log the number of steps which you achieved each day.

There will be live leaderboards on the website giving details of the top workplaces, teams and individuals.

Elaine Harris, healthy workplace manager at Somerset County Council said: "You have the option of setting yourself individual targets, tracking your activity and any weight loss and measuring your progress. To keep you going, there will be spot prizes and individual and workplace trophies and medals at the end of week six."

The end of Work It! 2015 will be marked by the Games held at Taunton Vale Sports Club on Friday, March 27th from 6pm to 8.30pm. You can enter as individuals or your workplace teams for a variety of games such as 7-a-side football, netball, badminton and indoor rounders.

There will also be different games to try out – including boccia, lacrosse, short mat bowls and rush hockey, as well as a fun run. No experience is needed as all instructions will be given on the day and there will be a free buffet.

Ms Harris added: "Your business and/or your colleagues can enter either of the first two challenges plus the Games. Enter as an individual, department or whole workplace.

"All of the challenges are free to enter so sign up, start being active, encourage your colleagues to get moving and you could well be celebrating success by winning spot prizes throughout and trophies at the games.

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Kathryn Roberts and Sean Lakeman to play the South Petherton venue

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Diary Dates

FRIDAY JANUARY 30TH
CREWKERNE: Sequence Dancing at the Victoria Hall, 1.45-4pm. £2pp includes teas and biscuits. Raffle. For more details call 01308 862866 or 01935 415520

SATURDAY JANUARY 31ST
CREWKERNE: Breakfast and 100 Club Draw at Henhayes Centre 10am to 11.30am.
MOSTERTON: Parrett and Axe Primary School Table Top Sale - just like and indoor car boot sale! At the village hall, 10am-12noon. Lots of tables with with bargains. Bric-a-brac, books, clothes, toys and much more. Refreshments available.
MERRIOTT: New To You Sale in the Tithe Barn 10am-11.30am. Many stalls, refreshments, raffle and lots of bargains!

MONDAY FEBRUARY 2ND
CREWKERNE: Bridge for beginners and improvers starts at 2pm at Henhayes Centre. Please call 01460 74340 if you would like to attend.

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 3RD
CREWKERNE: Tuesday Welcome Group £1 per session at Henhayes Centre. For people 70/80+ who like to meet other people and enjoy a few activities like painting, pottery, music, quizzes and occasional bingo. Transport can be arranged and a cooked meal can be purchased from £3.50. Take-away meals are available.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 4TH
CLAPTON: Clapton & Wayford Village Hall - sew, knit & natter, 10.30am, all welcome; details from 01460 72837.
CREWKERNE: Bingo with cash prizes at Henhayes Centre. Eyes down 2.30pm.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 5TH
CHARD: Chard Camera Club will be holding a Light Painting workshop run by their member Mr Drew Anderson at 7.30pm at the Baptist Church Hall Holyrood Street. Anyone wishing to go along for the evening will be made most welcome and they can find further information on the club by contacting the club's membership secretary Mr Peter Partridge 01460 66885 or by visiting their website chardcameraclub.org.uk.
CLAPTON: Clapton & Wayford Village Hall – C & W Film Society showing 'Grapes of Wrath', 8pm; refreshments/door from 7.30pm; new members always welcome, details from 01460 74849/30508
CREWKERNE: Folk Dancing at St Bartholomew's Church Hall, Abbey Street. Every Thursday, 8-10pm. Beginners welcome. For more details call 01460 77320 / 72505
CREWKERNE: Over 50s Keep Fit at Henhayes Centre. Class begins at 10am and costs £2.50 for members and £3.50 for non-members.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 6TH
CREWKERNE: Sequence Dancing at the Victoria Hall, 1.45-4pm. £2pp includes teas and biscuits. Raffle. For more details call 01308 862866 or 01935 415520
CREWKERNE: Young People's Music Festival 7pm to 9pm. Come and listen to local young people showcasing their musical ability in a concert

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 12TH
CHARD: Chard Royal Naval Association will be holding a 'Singalong a Shep' social at the Conservative club at 7.30pm where members will be entertained with the recording of the infamous antics and songs of the 60's to 80's by the old sea dog known as Shep Woolley. Anyone wishing to attend will be made welcome and further details of the association can be obtained by calling the Chairman Mrs Paula Moon 01460 929041 or via their official website at royal-naval-association.co.uk.
CREWKERNE: Folk Dancing at St Bartholomew's Church Hall, Abbey Street. Every Thursday, 8-10pm. Beginners welcome. For more details call 01460 77320 / 72505

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 13TH
CREWKERNE: Sequence Dancing at the Victoria Hall, 1.45-4pm. £2pp includes teas and biscuits. Raffle. For more details call 01308 862866 or 01935 415520
CLAPTON: Clapton & Wayford Village Hall - lunch club, mid-day for 12.30pm start. All welcome, but please book in advance – by phoning 01460 77057.

What's Happening at Ilminster Arts Centre

FEBRUARY is the shortest month, but that doesn't mean we're skimping on activities at the Arts Centre! We have three exhibitions for you to enjoy, starting with The Chosen Few, the inaugural show of a new group of artists, who will present a selection of oils and mixed media painting, sculpture, jewellery and ceramics. The show continues until 7 February and is followed by our fourth Schools Go Visual exhibition, which runs from 9 - 21 February. Students from Chard School, Greenfylde School, Swanmead School and Wadham School will be taking part and showing us their latest artworks. Come and spot the art stars of the future! Our next exhibitors hail from further afield: Four from the Forest runs from 23 February - 7 March and showcases the nature inspired art of a quartet of artists from the Forest of Dean.

On 6 February Concerts in the West return to the Arts Centre with a piano recital by Martin Cousin. The programme will feature Rachmaninov, Beethoven, Brahms and Liadov. To get you in the mood for Valentine's Day, on 13 February we present an evening of Latin-flavoured jazz dance from Andy Hague with Conjunto Gringo. The Bristol-based octet will be playing a funky programme of salsa, samba and bossa nova and we will be leaving plenty of floor space for dancing, so you may want to consider your footwear choices! Music in a different vein follows on 20 February with Flying Folk, a showcase of new folk talent by Hattie Briggs, Fusion, Lazibyrd and Louise Jordan. We finish the month on a high, with a performance on 27 February by one of the most dynamic quintets in modern jazz, the Dave Newton Trio, joined by Simon Spillett and Henry Lowther.

Our workshops have something of a textile theme this month. Turn rags to textile riches in Rag Rugs on 13 February, or come and join our Knit Tog, Crochet Too session on 19 February. Need a new hat? Or a cover for your ipad or iphone? These are just some of the things you can make at our Felting workshop on 20 February. On 27 February quilting tutor Kathryn Chambers will demonstrate how to create 'kaleidoscope' effects using a single fabric. Our regular readers' group meets on 13 February, while our guitar workshop on the 14th will have you strumming something tuneful by the end of the session, even if you are a beginner.

Our local craft and produce market returns on 7 February, followed by our antiques and vintage collectables fair on 28 February. And there's just time to search the attic for a forgotten treasure to bring along to our free valuation day on 12 February with Bearnes, Hampton and Littlewood.

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Ex Machina 15
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Inherent Vice 15
Daily: 13.30, 16.50, 20.10
Big Hero 6 PG
Daily: 12.00, 12.40, 14.40, 15.20, 16.30, 17.20, 18.00, 20.40
plus Sat & Sun: 10.00, 11.00, 13.50
Paddington PG
Sat & Sun: 10.40, 13.10
Wild 15
Fri, Mon-Thu: 13.00
Annie PG
Sat & Sun: 11.45am
Into The Woods PG
Fri, Mon-Thu: 16.20, 19.30
Sat: 10.30, 13.20
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Daily: 14.20, 17.10, 19.45
plus Sat & Sun: 11.40am
Big Hero 6 2D PG
Daily: 12.40, 15.20, 16.00, 18.00
plus Sat & Sun: 10.00, 10.50, 13.30
Birdman 15
Fri, Mon-Thu: 12.20
Ex Machina 15
Fri: 20.45, 23.15
Sun-Thu: 20.45
Into The Woods PG
Fri-Sun, Tue-Thu: 12.30, 18.00
Mon: 12.30
Kingsman: The Secret Service 15
Fri: 12.10, 15.10, 17.00, 18.15, 20.00, 21.15, 22.15
Sat & Sun: 12.10, 14.10, 15.10, 17.00, 18.15, 20.00, 21.15
Mon-Thu: 12.10, 15.10, 17.00, 18.15, 20.00, 21.15
Mortdecai 12A
Fri, Sat: 22.45
Night At The Museum: Secret of The Tomb PG
Sat & Sun: 11.30am
Paddington PG
Sat & Sun: 10.30, 12.45
Taken 3 12A
Daily: 18.30, 21.00
Testament of Youth 12A
Fri, Mon, Wed, Thu: 12.45, 20.00
Sat: 20.45, Sun: 20.00
Tue: 11.00, 20.00
The Grand Budapest Hotel 15
Fri, Mon-Thu: 12.00
The Imitation Game 12A
Fri, Mon-Thu: 12.00
The Theory of Everything 12A
Fri, Mon, Wed: 11.30, 14.15, 17.15, 20.30
Sat: 14.15, 18.00, 20.30
Sun, Tue, Thu: 15.15, 17.15, 20.30
The Unbeatables U Sat & Sun: 10.30am
Whiplash 15
Fri, Mon-Thu: 14.30
Wild 15
Fri, Mon, Wed: 15.15

This week's new cinema releases

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Voices from Scott Adsit, Ryan Potter and Daniel Henney.

INHERENT VICE 15
IN 1970, drug-fueled Los Angeles detective Larry "Doc" Sportello investigates the disappearance of a former girlfriend.

Stars Joaquin Phoenix, Josh Brolin and Owen Wilson.

SON OF A GUN 15
JR busts out of prison with Brendan Lynch, Australia's most notorious criminal, and joins Lynch's gang for a gold heist that soon pits the two men against one another.

Stars Alicia Vikander, Ewan McGregir and Brenton Thwaites.

Diary Dates

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 14TH
HINTON ST GEORGE: Hinton St. George 'Flix in the Sticks' presents 'A Most Wanted Man' (15), in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm. Tickets £5 in advance from the Village Shop and Dorothy's Tea Room, or, £5.50p on the door. To reserve Tickets please contact Bob Kefford on 01460 72563.

MONDAY FEBRUARY 16TH
CREWKERNE: Crewkerne Awareness February Meeting. Guest Speaker: David Wallace on 'Soul Re-Alignment'. At the Meeting Room, Unitarian Chapel, Crewkerne. 7pm-9.30pm. Admission £2.50 (Includes Light Refreshments). Everyone Welcome. For more details call 01460 351019.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 18TH
CLAPTON: Clapton & Wayford Village Hall - Coffee Morning with Raffle and Bring & Buy stall. From 10.30am. All are welcome; please come along to meet friends, neighbours & visitors for a social morning. Contributions welcome; details from Jane (01460 77588)

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 19TH
CHARD: Chard Camera Club will be meeting at the Baptist church hall at 7.30pm for an in house competition evening where members will be competing against each other for the 'Presidents Portfolio' which comprises of three images on a theme or subject. Anyone wishing to go along for the evening will be made most welcome and they can find further information on the club by contacting the club's membership secretary Mr Peter Partridge 01460 66885 or by visiting their website chardcameraclub.org.uk
SEAVINGTON ST MARY: South Somerset Local RSPB Group. Talk 'The Wildlife and Sites of Southern Brazil', by Field Trip Organisers Lynn and Steve Osborne. At the Millennium Hall, 7.30pm. Entry, includes tea and biscuits: £2.50 for group members, £3.50 for non-group members and under 18s free. All welcome. For more details call 01460 240740.
CREWKERNE: Folk Dancing at St Bartholomew's Church Hall, Abbey Street. Every Thursday, 8-10pm. Beginners welcome. For more details call 01460 77320 / 72505

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 20TH
CREWKERNE: Sequence Dancing at the Victoria Hall, 1.45-4pm. £2pp includes teas and biscuits. Raffle. For more details call 01308 862866 or 01935 415520
TATWORTH: Film: 'What We Did On Our Holiday' (cert 12A), at Tatworth Memorial Hall, doors 7.15pm, film 8pm. Organised by T&F Movies. For more details call 01460 220198.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 26TH
CREWKERNE: Folk Dancing at St Bartholomew's Church Hall, Abbey Street. Every Thursday, 8-10pm. Beginners welcome. For more details call 01460 77320 / 72505

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 27TH
CREWKERNE: Sequence Dancing at the Victoria Hall, 1.45-4pm. £2pp includes teas and biscuits. Raffle. For more details call 01308 862866 or 01935 415520

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 28TH
CREWKERNE: Annual Prize Bingo in aid of ZEM CC. Crowshute House. Doors 6.30pm, Eyes down 7.15pm. Three prizes per house, mammouth Raffle, refreshments. For more details call 01460 62842

THURSDAY MARCH 5TH
CREWKERNE: Folk Dancing at St Bartholomew's Church Hall, Abbey Street. Every Thursday, 8-10pm. Beginners welcome. For more details call 01460 77320 / 72505

FRIDAY MARCH 6TH
CREWKERNE: Sequence Dancing at the Victoria Hall, 1.45-4pm. £2pp includes teas and biscuits. Raffle. For more details call 01308 862866 or 01935 415520

SATURDAY MARCH 7TH
SEAVINGTON ST MARY: Rockin 60s Band playin at the Millennium Hall. Tickets only, £7 each from Carol on 01935 881510. No bar, bring your own drinks and nibbles. Free tea/coffee. In aid of Children's Hospice South West. Doors 7pm for 8pm start.

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THIS is my first piece of 2015 so - A Happy New Year to you all!

Musically, The David Hall got off to a great start to January when, on Friday 16th, everyone fully enjoyed a return visit from the Acoustic Folk/ Rock group, The Bully Wee Band.

Formed in the 1970s, this great band provided a night of superb music thanks to four excellent musicians who each possess melodic voices which ensure that their material, whether traditional or self penned, is presented in their own distinctive style. The mix of fiddle, mandolin, guitar and mandocello provides the totally unique sound for which this band has gained such a large following. They will definitely be back at The Hall!

Tomorrow, Saturday 31st January, we look forward to a visit by one of Folk music's most popular performers - Phil Beer.

Phil is a dazzling musician who is best known both as a member of Feast of Fiddles and one half of the ever-popular duo, Show of Hands. He is blessed with a rich voice which is supported by his superb guitar and fiddle playing.

It was a terrific 'coup' for The Hall that Wassail Theatre, based in West Coker, chose South Petherton's popular arts centre for the premiere of their debut production, The Giants. Inspired by Yeovil Town Football Club, and written for an audience aged 10 and over, this production was launched on Wednesday 21st January with representatives from YTFC in the audience. A great opportunity not only to enjoy the first presentation of this inspiring play but also for fans to get some coveted autographs!

In February, we welcome three brilliant but very different musical acts.

Firstly, on Saturday 7th, we will enjoy one of Folk music's most popular duos - Kathryn Roberts and Sean Lakeman (brother of Seth), who are making a welcome return to our venue. Winners of BBC Folk Awards Best Duo title in 2013, Kathryn and Sean have graced stages the world over in a number of guises. However, the intimacy and strength of passion they show as a duo, combined with an eclectic repertoire, ensures that this will be a rare treat for everyone

On Saturday 14th, we shall welcome back one of our regular artistes - Martin Simpson. After 35 years as a professional musician, Martin is performing better than ever. Widely acknowledged to be one of the finest Acoustic and Slide guitarists in the world, Martin Simpson's interpretations of traditional songs are masterpieces of storytelling and totally spellbinding. Book early as a sell-out is highly likely!

Musically, February comes to an end on Saturday 28th with a return visit from the ever-popular musicians from Brittany - The Churchfitters

This is a band like no other. A double bass made out of a saucepan and heart-wrenching vocals accompanied by, amongst other things, a musical saw. Add foot-stomping fast fiddle mixed with infectious Funk and Rock rhythms together with exquisite harmonies and you can see why this is a group that has built a really large fan base. This will be one of the most entertaining events around and a fantastic night is guaranteed!

Two other key events at The David Hall during February are a Music Quiz and a performance of Dracula for those aged 12 and upwards.

The Music Quiz is on Friday 13th February at 7.30pm. Join in an evening of fun and facts and enjoy supper while raising money for The David Hall and Petherton Folk Fest - which takes place on Saturday 20th June. (NB: tickets must be booked by Wednesday 11th February. The cost is £6, including supper).

On Thursday 26th February, Rabbit Theatre's presentation of Dracula features the 'outrageously versatile' performer David Mynne in a one-man performance of Bram Stoker's classic tale of the vampire. Come along as a family and enjoy being scared!

I look forward to updating you next month when, hopefully, the first signs of Spring will be with us.

Pete Wheeler,
Petherton Arts Trust

THE next Performance Night is scheduled for 27th February at 7.30pm. To perform, please drop an email to info@thedavidhall.org.uk

The David Hall's popular monthly Coffee Morning will be on 25th February from 10am to 12pm - entry is free! – and Petherton Picture Show will screen Cavalry on Friday 6th February and The Book Thief on Friday 20th.

For further details about any of the above please check the website, www.thedavidhall.org.uk, or call 01460 240 340.

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Located above the pub itself is a jaw dropping, enormous function room with a fantastic private bar, skittle alley, PA system and multiple disco lights. This whopping space is perfect for meetings, wakes, parties, weddings or any special occasion and is available for bookings.

Over the last couple months The White Hart has really stepped into the limelight with its unique events and parties such as its popular 'Foam Parties' and the kind of things you would only usually be able to find in bigger towns and cities. The newest addition is a monthly open mic night and regular live music from some of the best bands in the local area. If you're looking for a big night out, The White Hart is the place to be on Friday and Saturday nights with both bars open! The upstairs bar plays current chart and dance music and the downstairs bar plays party classics from the 80s to today, catering for every musical taste!

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The BusinessCar Awards are highly prized as they are voted for by the readership of BusinessCar magazine and website, who rely on the best fleet products and services on the market to keep their businesses operating effectively.

In announcing the C-Class Award, Paul Barker, Editor at BusinessCar, commented: "It's testament to both the quality of the product and to the way Mercedes-Benz has stepped up its business operation that the readers of BusinessCar have voted the C-Class as our Business Car of the Year. The C-Class is competitive like never before on everything from styling to the all-important running costs, and that's reflected in this prestigious awards triumph."

Sally Dennis, Head of Fleet, Mercedes-Benz UK, added: "I'd like to thank the readers of BusinessCar – as you'd expect, we're absolutely delighted that the C-Class has been named 2015 Business Car of the Year. The C-Class keeps going from strength to strength with an expanding range of efficient, low tax, low emission fleet models supported by a dedicated and thriving team of fleet-focussed colleagues operating throughout the UK."

The C-Class Saloon – priced from £28,985 OTR – returns up to 78.5 mpg with CO2 emissions as low as 94 g/km–putting the C 300 BlueTEC Hybrid in the 11 per cent company car tax band.

In announcing the S-Class Award, Paul Barker, Editor at BusinessCar, commented: "The S-Class has again proved it's peerless in the luxury car segment, with new innovation giving the car a class-leading environmental position to go with its all-round class-leadership excellence."

Sally Dennis, Head of Fleet, Mercedes-Benz UK, added: "The current S-Class has been Number One luxury car in the UK since it arrived, and it's fantastic news that it's a hit with BusinessCar readers as well. It really sets the bar in comfort and efficiency, with sales growth in the fleet industry reflecting this."

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Somerset League Division Three

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It looked as if Chard were in for a real hammering from the high-flying Yatton side but, after some tactical switches at half time and a stern talking to from skipper Tom Jones, Chard got their act together and 'won ' the second half by three tries to one.

Utility back Lee Brun ran in for two dot downs and the evergreen Mick Duffy added a third with a typically powerful break from two metres out!

With three conversions to add to their try tally Chard were pleased with their second half perfomance. If only they could have started as they finished.

The 3rd xv are always on the look out for new or former players to get involved.

Anyone interested is asked to contact Tom Jones on 07990580694.

Indeed the club are on the lookout for players of all abilities with training taking place on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7pm.

Tomorrows matches; The 1st XVare away at Barnstaple in National League 3, kick off is 2pm - Supporters travelling to the game may be interested in possibly travelling by train leaving Axminster at 10.05am. Full details are on the club website.

2nd XV are away at Old Sulians 2.30pm while the 3rd XV welcome Crewkerne 2nds, both games are 2.30pm kick-offs.

◆ Meanwhile, CREWKERNE 1ST XV had no game last weekend but return to action tomorrow with the visit of Castle Cary (2.15pm ko).

The 2NDS were also inactive and now look forward to tomorrow'sshort trip for the local-derby at Chard 2nds.

Nat League 3 SW	Pld	+/-	Pts
Redingsensians	17	371	72
Exmouth	17	288	67
Brixham	17	67	58
Bracknell	16	125	52
Hornets	14	143	50
Old Centralians	15	14	45
Newton Abbot	17	19	45
Barnstaple	17	-61	31
Bournemouth	17	-114	30
Old Redcliffians	16	-114	28
Old Patesians	15	-123	28
Oxford Harlequins	16	-94	27
Weston-super-Mare	17	-166	17
CHARD	17	-353	7

Somerset One	Pld	+/-	Pts
Hornets II	16	444	74
Chew Valley II	17	492	74
Bridgwater & Alb II	17	304	64
Bristol Barbarians	16	183	57
CREWKERNE	17	185	51
Castle Cary	17	35	49
Old Sulians	17	83	46
Keynsham II	17	-81	32
CHARD II	17	-181	29
Wellington II	17	-156	25
Cheddar Valley	17	-76	18
North Petherton II	17	-180	18
Yatton II	17	-456	18
Midsomer Norton II	17	-596	7

Somerset Three	Pld	+/-	Pts
Frome III	8	145	36
MARTOCK	9	189	30
Wells III	8	78	20
Yatton III	5	61	18
CREWKERNE II	6	-21	8
North Petherton III	4	117	7
CHARD III	5	-186	0
Minehead Barbars III	4	-162	0
Castle Cary II	7	-190	-1
Midsomer Norton IV	4	-31	-10

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Raptors	13	44
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Beer Leg Boys	13	74
Ugly Ducklings	13	64
No Name Yet	13	61
Likely Lads	13	53
Rotary	13	45
Kings Men	13	32

jack high bowls news

ILMINSTER *by Des Maull*

ILMINSTER lost both of their matches this week in the Somerset & Devon Mixed League,

The first was last Friday against MID DEVON BC with Ilminster losing on both rinks.

Details: Jill Wells, Eddie Hadfield, Peter Patmore and Eric Keitch 5 J Griffen 39; Des Maull, Sarah Lightfoot, Jill Parker and Mike King 7 P Adkins 34.

Last Sunday the visitors were TAUNTON BC who won both rinks by 13 shots (29 to 42), details: Val Dargue, Eddie Hadfield, Roy Orme and David Pugh 15 T Hembrow 18; Isobel Rymall, Chris Rymall, Cliff Whelan and Mike King 14 P Shaw 2.

Indoor Leagues

THIS week saw some dramatic changes to Ilminster Bowls Club Indoor Leagues.

In the Friday night Milford & Dormor Mixed Triples League South Petherton B (Bill Anderson) capitalised on a rare defeat for Ilminster K (Bev Brister) to replace them at the top on shot difference.

Meanwhile Ilminster H (Barry Sims), the conquerors of Ilminster K, are third on the same number of points.

In the Thursday night Pairs League a late charge by Rex Corbet saw off Roy Orme by a single shot, and lifted Rex into second place, a point behind Dave Crouch who suffered a defeat at the hands of Jill Parker.

The Wednesday night Rinks League is also heading for a close finish after a top of the table clash between the Numpties (Dave Crouch) and Sue's Babes (Sue Spurway) saw the Numpties come out on top and ease into a two-point lead.

The Inmates (Steve Webster) are in third place with the same points as Sue's Babes.

With Ilminster H (Mike King) looking unassailable at the top of the Wednesday Afternoon Mixed Triples League the only question remaining is who will be runners-up. With Allsorts (Paddy McDonagh) losing to Ilminster H, Ilminster G (Roy Orme) leapfrogged Allsorts to go into second place two points clear.

A similar question needs to be resolved in the Men's Tuesday night triples.

With Ilminster N (Kevin Hamilton) yet to be beaten this season Ilminster B (Barry Sims) and Ilminster R (Roger Pincombe) appear on track to decide the runners-up spot between them, with just two points separating the teams with the same number of games played.

In the Ladies' Tuesday afternoon triples League, Ilminster D (Sylvia Read) suffered a rare defeat to Donyatt (June Checketts), allowing Ilminster C (Margaret Evans) to come within a point of the leaders.

In the St. Austell Monday night Premier League, Ilminster D (Rowland Garland) and Ilminster B (Pete Mattravers) continue to trade point for point at the top, with Ilminster D ahead on shot difference.

In the Monday afternoon mixed rink League, Ilminster F (Barry Sims) continued their winning ways against Ilminster B (Paddy McDonagh) in second place, with Ilminster F now five points clear of the rest.

CREWKERNE SMBC
by Gordon Bodily

ON Monday, January 19th our visitors were SOUTH PETHERTON to play a mixed friendly.

Scores; Dave Charnick, Tricia Harris & Sid Crisp 11-12, Gwen Saunders, Carol Thackaberry & Alan Spinney 13-9, Pat Crisp, Sally MacLeud & Stuart Gould 5-15, Jackie Mitchell, Mikki Simmonds & John Lacey 7-6.

Final score Crewkerne 36 South Petherton 42.

CHARD *by Sandra Sumpter*

IN the East Devon Short Mat League Chard B were at home against St Teresa who are currently above them in the league.

St Teresa players had a hard time getting to grips with the Chard mats the hosts B won by six games to two and 78 shots to 36.

In this week's Milford & Dormor Mixed Triples League Greyhounds were against Royals and Hurricanes took on Harlequins.

This was quite an afternoon with the possibility of Hurricanes winning again if the Harlequins skip had decided to take his final bowl.

In this case discretion was the watchword. With Harlequins holding the two shots they needed to win the match, their skip decided not to bowl and possibly risk the match.

Hurricanes actually won more ends than Harlequins but lost by 9 shots to Harlequins' 10.

Royals had a terrible afternoon against Greyhounds who were really playing well.

Royals only won one of the first eight ends to trail 16-1.

They fought back strongly but it wasn't to be their day and they lost by 12 shots to the Greyhounds' 17.

With only five more weeks to go, Greyhounds are now challenging Magpies for third place although the latter have a game in hand.

M & D League	Pd	+/-	Pts
Harlequins	12	84	21
Royals	11	37	15
Magpies	11	-17	9
Greyhounds	12	-61	8
Hurricanes	12	-43	5

angling
ilminster aa

One to go

ELEVEN Ilminster AA members were back on the river Isle for the penultimate V.E.S. Precision winter league match.

The anglers were all pegged at Redbridge and Isle Brewers and some decent weights were recorded although a few anglers struggled.

Jamie Rich had a lovely day's fishing in peg 109 at Redbridge catching quality roach for a match winning 21lb 4oz.

Robin Cox was second with 11lb 11oz of roach and gudgeon from peg 126 and just behind was Jake Woodard with six chub for 10lb 9oz from peg 112.

Justin Charles won the bottom section with four chub for 7lb 6oz and Baz Morgan needed just 10oz to win the top section, his catch was mainly small fish.

With one match to go Martin Heard leads with 10 points followed by Robin Cox on 11 and Graham Field and Jamie Rich on 12.

There is a match on Sunday and the draw is at the Royal Oak between 8.30 and 9am.

Result: 1- Jamie Rich (Against Men and Fish/Burt Baits) - 21lb 4oz, 2 - Robin Cox (Ilminster) - 11lb 11oz, 3 - Jake Woodard (Ilminster) - 10lb 9oz.

Sections; A - Baz Morgan (Baz Angling) - 10oz, B - Justin Charles (Ilminster) - 7lb 6oz.

Glovers In Focus

By Stuart Broom

Fry claims new development critical to Glovers progress

■ **ON HIS WAY**: Jed Speer will make his 12th and last appearance for the Glovers tomorrow.

YEOVIL Town's latest plans for the development of Huish Park were made public last week with chairman John Fry claiming that unless the club gets better support from local councils for their scheme they could soon be back in the Conference League.

Fry who has been chairman for 23 years and development consultant David Bell agree that unless things change there can be no positive future for the club.

The plans include the refurbishment of the current dressing rooms for use by the public with bigger replacements for the first team and a new entrance to include the ticket office, administration block and plaza.

The scheme allows for some retail outlets, a convenience store, a coffee shop, hotel and possibly houses.

The club met resistance from the council to develop a new Range store, and have now unveiled their new scheme and invited the public to voice their opinions.

Fry has confirmed that they have already had some positive meetings with influential people.

On the field things have finally started to look up, although there is no room for complacency.

A win over high flying Bradford City, and a point at Deepdale against Preston North End gave supporters hopes of a turnaround.

Last Saturday's draw at home to fellow strugglers Coventry City took the edge of those results, and reminded us all that we are still second from bottom of League 1 and need to do better.

The news that Aston Villa's loanee keeper Jed Steer plays his last game for the club at Peterborough tomorrow is a big blow following the Premiership club's decision against a loan for the rest of the season. The search for a new keeper is now on!

League One	Pd	GD	Pts
Swindon Town	26	27	54
Bristol City	25	26	54
MK Dons	26	29	52
Preston NE	26	14	47
Chesterfield	26	5	38
Rochdale	25	12	37
Fleetwood Town	27	1	37
Bradford City	25	3	36
Sheffield Utd	24	2	36
Notts County	26	-1	35
Doncaster Rovers	25	-3	35
Port Vale	27	-5	35
Peterborough Utd	26	-1	34
Oldham Athletic	25	-3	34
Walsall	26	-2	33
Gillingham	27	-8	31
Scunthorpe Utd	24	-7	30
Coventry City	27	-10	30
Barnsley	25	-4	29
Crewe Alex.	26	-19	29
Colchester Utd	26	-11	27
Leyton Orient	26	-5	26
YEOVIL TOWN	27	-18	25
Crawley Town	27	-22	24

LOCAL FOOTBALL ROUND UP

with Howard Larcombe
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Finn strike takes Saints to top of table

Welcome win for Misterton - Crewkerne title surge looks ominous

Calne Town 2 Chard Town 2

Toolstation Division One - att; 34

SAM Clark's 16th and 17th goals of the season helped Chard Town secure a point after a 2-2 draw at Bremhill View.

An incisive diagonal ball in the fourth minute from Darren Hutchings allowed Sam Clark to tee-up a superb 25-yard volley that wrong-footed a stumbling Steve Allison in the Calne goal.

But 10 minutes later the hosts were level when a long free-kick caused some confusion in the Robins defence and David Nunes Brigues pounced to score.

And within seconds of the restart the visitors found themselves behind with Stuart Windsor firing home.

Chard put in a fine second half showing and a period of near constant pressure finally paid dividends when Clark bagged his second of the afternoon.

Chard; *J.Hutchings, D.Hutchings, L.Bailey, B.Haines, L.Gillman (Shaun Wells-Burr 41), A.Martin, G.Chlopecki, C.Mawford, E.Butcher, S.Clark, O.Latas. Unused subs; N.Warren, A.Fricker.*

Chard welcome fellow mid-tablers Chippenham Town tomorrow. (3pm ko).

SOMERSET LEAGUE

COMBE ST NICHOLAS have hit top spot in the Divison Two (west).

A Luke Finn goal on the half hour was enough to earn the Saints a 1-0 win over Cheddar at Slades Cross.

Combe boss Phil Loaring told *Weekender Sport*: "We weren't at out best but we haven't had a proper game for three weeks so we were a bit rusty.

"All-in-all it wasn't a great game but we got the three points which all I can ask."

Combe visit 11th placed Nailsea Town Reserves tomorow.

A 4-0 defeat at Odd Down last Saturday has seen ILMINSTER TOWN slip closer to the Premier Division trapdoor.

The improving hosts struck twice in each half against a Blues line-up that was depleted when Brad Miles was sent-off.

Despite their run of poor results Ilminster do however still have crucial games against drop rivals Nailsea Town (home and away), Stockwood (H) and Broad Plain House (A) so their survival is still very much in their own hands.

Next up for the Blues, who are now without a league win since early October, is tomorrow's trip to face sixth-placed Watchet Town.

◆ **WINNER:** Luke Finn's goal took Combe up to top spot.

DEVON & EXETER LEAGUE

THERE was good news from Division Five where ILMINSTER TOWN RESERVES leapt off the foot of the table with a 3-1 win over Priory at the Rec.

The Blues gained an early advantage when Darren Manley's free kick was tapped in by 16-year-old Rob Keylock for his first goal for the club.

Another close range finish, this time from Taylor Jefferson, on the brink of half-time made the half-time oranges taste all the sweeter.

Chances came and went after the interval before Jefferson made it 3-0 and the visitors' late strike counted for little.

Ilminster entertain sixth-placed Halwill Reserves tomorrow (2.15pm ko).

Up in the Premier, Adam Tovey moved into double figures for the season with the only goal for CHARD TOWN RESERVES in a 1-1 draw following their lengthy road-trip to Hatherleigh Town.

Tovey netted from the penalty spot after Braeden Symes had been felled in the area.

The Robins, currently 10th in the table, gallop off to Horsden Park to take on eighth placed Elmore Reserves tomorrow.

PERRY STREET LEAGUE
Knock out cups
Bill Bailey (Division Three)

GOALS from Ross Weatherall and Luke Carver saw Merriott Dynamos pull off one of the shocks of the day as they knocked out Kingsbury.

Dynamos came into the game on the back of a run of just one win in 10 but lead through Weatherall's goal at half-time.

Ben Norman equalised for the hosts but Carver popped up with the winner in the 84th minute.

Chard Rangers booked their place in the quarter-finals with a 4-2 win at Dowlish & Donyatt.

Jon Bartlett put hosts ahead early on but Kev Bird leveled before the interval.

John Duffy edged Rangers ahead only for Dan Rogers to make it 2-2.

But the resurgent Rangers weren't to be denied and goals from Tomas Frystacky and top-scorer Tom Warren saw them extend a fine run that has brought just one defeat in seven.

Over the Devon border Chard United Reserves led through Jamie Brown's 13th goal of the season but crashed out beaten 3-1 by cup holders Hawkchurch United.

Ken Hodges (Division Four)

THE two scheduled Kenny Hodges Cup first round ties went with form with Combe B and Hinton easing to home victories.

Goals from Mike Usher, Graham Cleal and Matt Corrick put Combe in control against Uplyme Reserves.

The Devonians battled back to 3-2 before Chris Denning cracked home a low volley for the pick of the goals.

Neil Reid nodded home the fifth after the turnaround and a clever quickly taken Corrick free-kick rounded off the scoring.

Both teams ended the game with 10 men with Daren Oliver dismissed by referee Jeff Farley for handball on the line

Meanwhile, doubles from Ross Jewell and Kenny Forbes proved too much for Drimpton Reserves as they went down 4-1 at Hinton. Adam Tanner netted for the Greens.

◆ **Quarter-Final draw**

(*ties scheduled for February, 28th*);
Chard Utd Allstars v Merriott Rovers
Combe B v Chard Rangers Reserves
Hinton v Winsham Utd Res
Crewk Rangers Res v Farway Utd Res

PREMIER

Crewkerne 2 Perry Street 1

PERRY Street's outside hopes of first top division title since 1969-70 all-but ended with an 'away' defeat at their own Tatworth Ground.

Opponents Crewkerne requested use of the ground with their own Henhayes surface unlikely to be fit to use again this season.

Crewkerne got off to the perfect start with Adam Dawe netting his 13th goal of the campaign with just two minutes on the clock.

But Street levelled with a Dan O'Connor penalty after Billy Sheahan had been felled.

The winning goal arrived on the hour in the form of a goal of the season contender from Jamie Spurdle who cracked home a free-kick that

◆ **1-0:** Adam Dawe struck early for Crewkerne Town in 2-1 win.

nestled into the top-corner to maintain the Tigers impressive nine-game 100 per cent start.

"We were awful in the first-half - but had a good old airing of opinions and turned it around after the break," said Crewkerne joint-manager Ben Cox

Misterton 3 Ilminster Colts 2

THE battle of the two main relegation contenders saw Misterton complete a league double and leave Ilminster still hunting their elusive first point.

Strikes from Joe Djeebet, Harvey Saunders and top-scorer Sam Tabner had Mizzy in control.

But goals from Dylan Beer and Lee Aspland made for some nervous late moments for the hosts.

West & Middle Chinnock 4
Combe Reserves 4

THE midtable clash at Oxleaze ended honours even with the hosts having to battle back from 3-0 down after half an hour.

Strikes from Mark Biss, Stuart Bicknell and Simon Loader appeared to put the Saints en-route to a good away day victory.

But The Chinnocks turned things around quickly and goals from Mark Cawley (2) and Liam Bennett restored parity before the interval.

The hosts took the lead for the first time in the 52nd minute through Jonny Jackson and this looked to have clinched it only for Darren Spurdle to head the leveller in the 88th minute after Combe had struck the post twice.

There was still time for Saints striker Jordan Allen to be thwarted by keeper Matt Alford in a one-on-one chance.

A point apiece but both managers felt they were worth the win.

Around the League

BARRINGTON were last weekend's joint top scorers crushing Forton Rangers 9-1.

League top-scorer Andy Whitefield led the way with four, his fifth hat-trick of the season, with the others coming from Tom Perry (2), Guy Dare, Mike Whitefield and a Dave Fowler OG. Leigh Richardson netted for the Rangers.

Any slim hopes that Winsham may have been harbouring of snatching the **Division One** title were ended by a 3-0 home defeat by Netherbury. Ryan Gall (2) and Mark Cuff scored for the Ambers who eased their way into the promotion hunt.

Thorncombe also hit nine as they moved back up into the top two in **Division Two** with a 9-3 hammering of hosts Beaminster Reserves.

Warren Gabbidon scored his first hat-trick for the club with the others coming from Bryan Garrett (2), Lee Fisher (2), John Allen and an OG.

Owen Ward, Gary Corry and Joe Hawkins (pen) scored for the hosts who suffered their biggest home defeat since they rejoined the PSDL eight years ago.

Murray Legg was another of the day's hat-trick heros. The former Beaminster skipper scored his first triple for new club Drimpton who crushed Crewkerne Rangers 8-2.

Paul Richards, Craig Lodge, Chris Rowswell, Mark Pearce and an OG made up the Greens tally.

Steve Dunkerton, against his old club, and Andy Loveless natted for the Rangers who suffered their heaviest league defeat for three and a half years.

Combe A moved out of the relegation spots with a 4-1 win at Division Three-bound Ilminster A.

Player-manager Ross Bicknell scored twice – the second a penalty while Dale Hutter and Andrew Foote chipped–in with singles.

Debutant Mike Blair scored the Blues first goal of 2015.

The only game played in **Division Three** saw Shepton Beauchamp Reserves slide towards the relegation zone after a 1-0 defeat at Millwey Rise Reserves.

Down in **Division Four** Merriott Rovers took another step towards the title with four-goal Josh Thomason starring in a 7-2 win over Crewkerne Rangers Reserves. Ash Cooper (2) and Gavin Charles had the Rovers others goals with Rob Doble and Nick Bachrach replying.

Finally, Richard Foote was celebrating his first three-point haul as Chard Rangers Reserves manager as Andrew Griffin and Matt Gaylard scored the goals in a 2-1 victory over Farway Utd Reserves.

◆ **GOLDEN BOOT?** Andy Whitefield has 27 goals this season.

◆ **Somerset Intermediate Cup**

Revised Quarter-Final draw

(*ties scheduled for February, 21st*);
BARRINGTON v Westend
Locking Park v Mells & Vobster Res
Castle Cary Res v Purnell Sports Res
Worle Res v Westonzoyland

◆ LAST night's John Fowler Cup Final between Hawkchurch United and Shepton Beauchamp Reserves was postponed.

Scheduled hosts Bridport took the decision that the St Mary's Ground pitch should be saved for tomorrow's Toolstation League Prmeier Divison match.

RESULTS – January 24th
PERRY STREET LEAGUE
BILL BAILEY CUP – R1
Dowlish & Donyatt 2 Chard Rangers 4
Hawkchurch Utd 3 Chard Utd Res 1
Kingsbury Episc 1 Merriott Dynamos 2

KEN HODGES CUP – R1
Combe St Nicholas B 6 Uplyme Res 3
HintonSt George 4 Drimpton Res 1

PREMIER
Crewkerne Town 2 Perry Street 1
Misterton 3 Ilminster Town Colts 2
West & Middle Chinnock 4 Combe Res 4
DIVISION ONE
Barrington 9 Forton Rangers 1
Winsham Utd 0 Netherbury 3
DIVISION TWO
Beaminster Reserves 3 Thorncombe 9
Drimpton 8 Crewkerne Rangers 2
Ilminster Town A 1 Combe A 4
DIVISION THREE
Millwey Rise Res 1 Shepton Beau Res 0

Last night, January 29th
John Fowler Cup Final
Hawkchurch Utd p Shepton Beau Res p

TOMORROW'S FIXTURES
PERRY STREET LEAGUE (*all 2.15ko*)
DAISY HUTCHINGS CUP QF
Barringtn Res (D3) v Merriott Rovers (D4)
Crewk Rangers (D2) v Waytown Hnds (D2)
Drimpton (D2) v Thorncombe (D2)
Hawkchurch Utd (D3) v Crewk Res (D2)
PREMIER
Combe Reserves v Beaminster
Crewkerne Town v Ilminster Town Colts
Lyme Regis Res v West & Middle Chinnock
South Petherton v Misterton
DIVISION ONE
Lyme Regis Bantams v Winsham Utd
Millwey Rise v Barrington
Netherbury v Chard Utd
DIVISION THREE
Chard Utd Res v Millwey Rise Reserves
Kingsbury Episc v South Petherton Res
Merriott Dynamos v Thorncombe Res
Shepton Beau Res v Chard Rangers
DIVISION FOUR
Combe B v Crewkerne Rangers Reserves
Farway Utd Reserves v Winsham Utd Res
Uplyme Reserves v Chard Utd Allstars

As they stand

Toolstation Div 1	Pld	+/-	Pts
Barnstaple Town	26	74	63
Cribbs	28	32	61
Welton Rovers	26	22	61
Wincanton Town	28	20	54
Ashton & Backwell	28	21	53
Corsham Town	26	18	46
Almondsbury UWE	25	1	42
Hengrove Athletic	28	4	40
Cheddar	26	3	37
Calne Town	29	-4	36
CHARD TOWN	***28***	***-9***	***36***
Chippenham Park	25	8	35
Radstock Town	27	1	35
Wellington	25	-4	34
Oldland Abbotonians	27	-16	34
Devizes Town	27	-2	30
Keynsham Town	31	-38	30
Wells City	31	-11	29
Warminster Town	24	-10	23
Westbury United	30	-40	22
Roman Glass St G	26	-29	20
Portishead Town	27	-41	12

Somerset Premier	Pld	+/-	Pts
Shirehampton	22	35	55
Fry Club	20	12	39
Cutters Friday	19	10	38
Clutton	20	10	37
Frome Collegians	21	19	36
Watchet Town	20	11	35
Bishops Lydeard	21	-1	33
Nailsea Utd	22	9	32
Bridgwater Town Res	21	5	30
Wrington Redhill	18	-3	26
Minehead	22	-11	25
Yatton Athletic	21	-22	25
Odd Down Res	19	1	24
Berrow	21	-7	23
Stockwood Green	22	-16	18
ILMINSTER TOWN	***19***	***-27***	***16***
Broad Plain House	20	-10	13
Nailsea Town	18	-15	9

Somerset Div 2W	Pld	+/-	Pts
COMBE St NICHOLAS	***14***	***32***	***36***
Kewstoke Lions	14	31	33
Worle	16	30	30
Uphill Castle	14	9	28
Winscombe	13	32	27
Cheddar Res	16	6	27
Highbridge Town	16	29	25
Taunton Utd 1610	14	10	25
Nailsea Utd Res	11	-3	13
Clevedon Utd Res	14	-14	13
Nailsea Town Res	15	-16	12
Churchill Club 70	13	-19	10
Weston St Johns Res	18	-70	7
Burnham Utd Res	16	-57	6

D & E Premier	Pld	+/-	Pts
Tiverton Town Res	15	52	37
Heavitree Utd	17	24	35
Sidbury Utd	16	24	34
Newtown	19	4	29
Feniton	13	24	27
Topsham Town	14	30	26
Hatherleigh Town	12	19	26
Elmore	15	5	24
Thorverton	13	14	23
CHARD TOWN RES	***15***	***5***	***20***
Beer Albion	16	-16	16
Bow AAC	15	-9	14
Exeter University Res	13	-2	13
Seaton Town	17	-31	11
Willand Rovers Res	16	-17	9
Budleigh Salterton Res	20	-126	1

D & E Division 5	Pld	+/-	Pts
Fluxton	15	36	36
Uplowman Athletic	16	29	31
Sandford	14	18	31
Otterton	19	4	31
Sampford Peverell	16	22	30
Halwill Res	15	5	24
Honiton Town Res	13	19	23
Feniton Res	17	-9	21
Priory	11	-8	15
Hatherleigh Town Res	16	-29	15
Starcross Generals	14	-19	13
Winkleigh	11	-4	12
ILMINSTER RES	***16***	***-33***	***10***
Stoke Hill	17	-31	9

PSDL Premier	Pld	+/-	Pts
Perry Street	14	21	28
Shepton Beauchamp	12	37	27
Crewkerne Town	9	31	27
South Petherton	12	30	25
W & M Chinnock	11	20	22
Beaminster	12	30	18
Combe St Nicholas Res	12	21	13
Lyme Regis Res	13	-18	12
Misterton	12	-91	6
Ilminster Town Colts	13	-80	0

Division One	Pld	+/-	Pts
Barrington	11	47	33
Millwey Rise	12	23	26
Winsham Utd	13	13	25
Netherbury	11	10	20
Chard Utd	14	4	19
Forton Rangers	13	-1	18
Lyme Regis Bantams	11	-13	11
Luso-Chard	12	-26	9
Pymore	11	-17	5
Farway Utd	10	-40	3

Division Two	Pld	+/-	Pts
Drimpton	13	44	35
Thorncombe	12	26	27
Waytown Hounds	14	17	25
Crewkerne Town Res	10	12	22
Crewkerne Rangers	14	-10	20
Combe St Nicholas A	14	-8	13
Uplyme	10	12	13
Charmouth	14	-11	13
Beaminster Res	14	-13	11
Ilminster Town A	13	-69	-2*

Division Three	Pld	+/-	Pts
Chard Utd Res	12	17	28
Barrington Res	12	17	27
Kingsbury Episcopi	12	21	24
Hawkchurch Utd	11	19	19
South Petherton Res	13	-3	17
Thorncombe Res	13	-9	16
Chard Rangers	10	-10	12
Dowlish & Donyatt	11	-7	11*
Shepton Beau Res	12	-14	10
Merriott Dynamos	10	-6	9
Millwey Rise Res	12	-25	8*

Division Four	Pld	+/-	Pts
Merriott Rovers	11	62	33
Combe St Nicholas B	11	29	28
Winsham Utd Res	13	2	21
Crewkerne Rangers Res	13	6	19
Uplyme Res	10	-2	15
Hinton St George	9	7	14
Chard Rangers Res	11	-17	12
Drimpton Res	11	-10	9
Farway Utd Res	10	-16	9
Chard Utd All Stars	13	-61	9

*= points deducted

hockey chard

Balian heroics to no avail

Sidmouth & Ottery C 2 Chard A 1

THIS was the 2nd XI's first league fixture since mid-December, which may explain the disjointed performance which led to defeat against a Sidmouth & Ottery side considerably stronger than when the teams met in October.

Playing the first half into a dazzling sun did not help Chard's cause as they sought to blow away the cobwebs.

Clear cut chances at either end were scarce in the first 20 minutes but when Sidmouth took the lead, it was not altogether unexpected as they looked the more likely to break the deadlock.

Chard were indebted to keeper Berge Balian for a couple of fine saves to prevent Sidmouth adding to their tally.

Skipper Gareth Eggle was covering a huge number of yards in midfield but too much of the team's play involved long ball which gave the home defence an even chance of picking up the ball rather than finding forwards Adam Veitch and Dan Stone in the D.

The second half saw an improvement and more close interchanging of passes as Chard rediscovered their fluency.

the most profitable line of attack being down the right wing, with Danny Grabham, Trevor Goss and Harry Felgate linking well and Eggle looking to create a better angle of attack with some expansive passes from dead ball situations.

There was an element of luck about Chard's equaliser, Stone netting with a second effort after the ball had hit his feet, but the goal was reward for some sustained pressure.

From the restart, Balian dived bravely to win a one-on-one with a Sidmouth forward and was in action again soon after as the home side upped the tempo.

The hosts winners came with 15 minutes remaining when a penalty corner shot squeezed under the diving Balian.

SE 2 Div	Pd	GD	Pts
Bridgwater B	11	47	30
West Dorset A	11	24	25
North Devon A	12	18	25
Bridgwater C	12	14	18
Sidmth & Ott C	11	-4	18
Ashmoor A	10	31	17
CHARD A	11	31	15
Minehead B	11	-35	6
Taunton Vale D	12	-43	5
Sidmth & Ott D	11	-83	4

Chard: *Berge Balian, Dave Lury, Chris Knight, Danny Grabham, Paul Tratt, Steve Mahoney, Trevor Goss, Gareth Eggle (Capt), James Spurdle, Kyle Anderson, Jason Goddard, Harry Felgate, Dan Stone (Vice-capt), Adam Veitch, Harvey Dening.*

horse racing round-up

Taunton's February Feast of racing

There is a February Feast of racing action to look forward to at Taunton where they three meetings in the month the first of which is on Thursday, February 5th when the first of the six race card with £37,000 on offer in prizes is due to post at 2.05pm.

The first event is the BHEST Racing to School Racing Excellence 'Hands and Heels' Handicap Hurdle over two miles, three and a half furlongs which is for conditional jockeys or amateur riders.

Pupils from nearby Thurlbear Prmiary School who will be spending the day at the course as part of the BHEST Racing to School programme will be presenting the prizes at the end of this race.

This is followed 30 minutes later by the Easter Race meeting 2nd April Maiden Hurdle race over two miles and a furlong.

The Free Racing 16th March Novices' Handicap Steeple Chase over three miles two and a half furlongs, the longest of the day is next up at 3.05pm.

The feature race is the Bathwick Tyres Novices' Handicap Hurdle race, which is a Class 3 event over two miles and a furlong and with a prize pot of £9k, is the most valuable of the day is at 3.35pm.

Taunton Racecourse are most grateful for the kind sponsorship of this race by Bathwick Tyres who do so much to support National Hunt racing locally.

The Independent Racecourses (IRL) Handicap Steeple Chase follows at 4.05pm before the afternoon concludes with the 17th February Half-Term Meeting Handicap Hurdle race over three miles and half a furlong 30 minutes later.

Taunton Racecourse offers generous discounted prices to those who purchase their tickets in advance on-line up to 10am on the day prior and to take advantage of this log onto www.tauntonracecourse.co.uk

Punters are also reminded that a courtesy coach departs from Taunton Railway Station two hours before racing returning from the course 30 minutes after the start of the final race.

Davies delves into memory bank

Three time National Hunt champion jockey Bob Davies, who rode Lucius to victory in the 1978 Grand National recently returned to Taunton Racecourse for the first time in 30 years.

Davies, who rode 912 winners during a long career in the saddle is now the secretary at Ludlow Racecourse, which like Taunton is owned independently.

" I enjoyed a great day out as well as catching up with Bob Young who is the chief executive at Taunton.

"The independent courses are the grass roots of racing really and without us the big meetings wouldn't survive either."

Davies has a long association with the 'Sport of Kings' stretching back well over half a century as he explained.

"I have been involved with racing for a long while - I started point-to-pointing when I was at school and ever since then I have been part of it in one form or another."

Davies is no stranger to Taunton. "I rode a lot of winners here when I was riding for west country trainers like David Barron, Les Kennard and Billy Williams, especially when I was first starting, but this is the first time I have been back here since I stopped riding over 30 years ago.

Talking about some of the changes Davies said: "I think it is a better course now than it was then - the bends weren't good.

"However when they built the motorway they used up the soil to improve the bends so now it's a great deal better."

He added: "The facilities have also changed for the better, but the difference is that the small courses have done it with their own money."

WESSEX POINT-TO-POINT

Sunday's preview

South Dorset at Milborne St Andrew

TOP CLASS Hunter Chaser Harbour Court can return to winning ways in Sunday's South Dorset Men's Open at Milborne St Andrew.

The Alan Hill-trained nine-year-old, winner of Cheltenham's Connolly's Red Mills Intermediate Final, Stratford's John Corbet Cup and fifth in the Cheltenham Foxhunter, showed his well-being by finishing a close runner-up to Brackloon High at Cottenham in December.

Brackloon High franked the form with a Higham win last weekend. Wadebridge specialist Working Title and Claire Hitch's pair Minella Fifty and Batu Ferringhi – a winner on the 2013 corresponding card – are three other contenders.

The danger is Raffa, who has surged through the pointing ranks with three wins this season, including a Wadebridge Open victory with Minella Fifty well held in third.

Minella Fifty is among the 11 entries for the Ladies' Open and must be considered if Hitch opts for this engagement. The Stuart Penny-trained pair Quedillac and Trueflyingcolours are two more to consider.

The suggestions are former top chaser Ghizao, who looked more amenable to restraint when third to Byerley Bear at Wadebridge.

Alos look out for the Richard Bandey-trained Alskamatic, who had subsequent Heythrop winner Ballyjames back in third when runner-up to the prolific Current Event at Larkhill in December.

Evergreen 15-year-old Barneys Mate will get the vote if seeking a fourth win in the Novice Riders' race, which has attracted 24 entries.

The prolific Buckstruther, winner of 10 of his 12 point-to-points to date, Ghizao, Ampton runner-up Minella Theatre, and the Sam Drinkwater-trained pair Trouble Digger and Working Title also catch the eye.

Ski Sunday, runner-up in the Fred Winter Hurdle at the 2009 Cheltenham Festival, was placed in two Hunter Chases last season and may give Barneys Mate the most to do.

Printing Blue won an Irish Maiden in June and will be supported if making his UK debut in the Restricted.

Black Forest Lodge winner Railway Benefit was not disgraced when third behind the impressive Desert Queen at Wadebridge.

The suggestions are Spuddler, absent since winning at Woodford in April 2012 and Impact Area, who rewarded his "outsider of three" supporters by taking the Royal Artillery Hunt race.

Balkato Des Bois and Maximus Maridius, who could represent the Tom Lacey/Sam Drinkwater combination and Jack Barber's pair Charmix and Praetura may be four to choose from in the 2m-4f Maiden.

The three-mile Maiden will be run in two divisions. Barbury runner-up Brids Classic can go one better in Division One. Village Mystic looks the one for Division Two.

The 2010 winner Gunner Be Quick may give supporters a run for their money in the Hunt race.

The course at Milborne St Andrew is just off the A354 midway between Blandford and Dorchester.

First race: 12noon. Admission is to either of two car parks at £20 or £25/car with a reduction for single occupants; £5 for pedestrians.

cricket north perrott

Taking guard

NORTH Perrott Cricket Club began preparations for the new season last week when winter training started at Perrott Hill School and will continue every Tuesday evening through the season.

The club returns to the WEPL this year after being crowned champions of the Somerset League last season.

The second team and academy team (formerly third XI) will continue to play in the Somerset league.

The club have been drawn at home to Stapleton from Bristol in the National Village Cup 2nd round to be played in May and will also compete in the Somerset Intermediate 20/20 Cup.

In addition NPCC has entered a team in the inaugural NatWest National Under 19 T20 competition.

The five junior teams start their winter net sessions on Friday evenings and Sunday afternoons running from 1st February.

Any new players, either junior or senior, are welcome. Further details can be obtained from coach Richard Askew (rich.askew@hotmail.com) or 1st XI captain Gordon Whorlow (gwhorlow@hotmail.co.uk).

snooker seaton league

RESULTS - January 20th: Honiton Wonderers 4+0 Colyton TC 2+4, Chard IZZA147 5+0 Honiton WMC 1+2, Colyton Feds 6+8 Colyton ExCons 0+0 Sidmouth Allsorts 1+0 Chard Casuals 5+2.

League Table	Pld	Pts
Wonderers	12	50
Colyton Feds	12	44
Chard IZZA 147	12	42
Chard Casuals	12	38
Honiton WMC	12	33
Colyton ExCons	12	32
Colyton TC	12	32
Sidmouth Allsorts	12	14

Bruce Miller Cup	Pld	Pts
Colyton Feds	12	74
Colyton TC	12	60
Chard Casuals	12	58
Chard IZZA147	12	58
Honiton WMC	12	55
Wonderers	12	52
Colyton ExCons	12	42
Sidmouth Allsorts	12	24

running chard road runners

Rok is no stroll

LAST weekend Chard Road Runners headed off to inaugural Stanton Drew Near Chew Valley for the Rok the Stones Trail Marathon.

The bright sunny morning with just a light touch of frost added to the atmosphere that comes from the Neolithic Stone Circles and Cove that were at the heart of this race.

The route for the self-navigation race was off-road with a mix of tracks, footpaths and open exposed headlands and plenty of mud.

Heading CRR's assault was Richard Clifton who kept with the leaders until the 21-mile-mark when his legs started to tire, but he fought on and eventually finished in joint second place - a very rare occurrence over a 27-mile race.

Following behind for CRR's were Paul Masters and Bernie Genge who were keeping a steady pace as the mud built up.

P.Clifton.....4:05:27
P.Masters.....5:25:25
B.Genge 5:25:25

◆ **TRAIL BLAZERS:** Paul Masters, Bernie Genge, Richard Clifton.

skittles extra ilminster & district league

Hatch Eggs' Jamie poaches 10-pin victory

◆ **GREAT NIGHT:** Player and supporters pictured at the Crown Inn alley.

THE annual competition for the Ilminster & District Skittle League's teams sticker ups was won by Hatch Eggs' Jamie Jones.

The event, held at the crown inn, Ilminster was well supported by around 60-70 young participants and league players.

Thanks go to Robbie Robson for marking the board and Si Lee and Ian Miller for their help in sticking-up.

Also special thanks go to Sam Spurway for presenting the Trophies on behalf of his team Flying Turkeys who sponsored the Shield for the event now which is now in its fourth year.

Thanks also go to Shaun at the Crown Inn and his staff for their kind hospitality.

Result; 1st Jamie Jones (Hatch Eggs) 67, 2nd Sam Grinter (Ashill Inn) 57, 3rd, Josh Manley (Flyng Turkeys Allstars 54).

◆ **WELL DONE:** Sam Spurway from sponsors Flying Turkeys present champion Jamie Jones (left) and Sam Grinter with their trophies.

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